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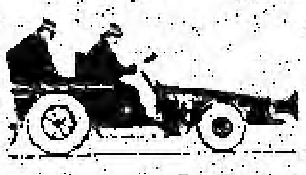

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weekly whirligig

Joseph Long, a Chinese student the local university, told a group of fellow students in a talk that he we no ill will against the Niseis. that should give those who have that mistaken idea of deep-rooted enmity between the two Oriental races, a bit of a jolt.

It must make those self-appointed friends of the Chinese people," those societies who believe that they are doing so much for the Chinese people, feel rather silly to find that the offsprings of the very race which they are so self-righteously championing, are little concerned other events so far remote as those in the Far East, and are more concerned with problems of living, of civic rights — which they, these friends of the Chinese people, have denied them.

The efforts of the "Friends of the Chinese People" and other similar societies seem like the proverbial "white man's burdens," burdens accepted unasked and in the wrong fields, accomplishing very little of good and a great deal of harm.

Registration . . .

I went and got registered the other day. I was properly written out, and properly thumb-printed, and now carry a nice little card with my picture on the front and my secrets on the back.

The registration cards, I noticed, came in three delicious colours: yellow for alien Japanese, salmon pink for naturalized British subjects, and white for the Canadian born.

This problem of colored cards has followed me right through my schooldays. Ever since I can remember, certain papers and cards handed out to us with the yellow skin and the black eyes and hair, were colored differently to those of our fellow Canadians. Take for example the dental cards given out after a general inspection of public school scholars. I always received a blue card, my Canadian friend, a white card. I liked the colour, but it prevented me from receiving free medical treatment.

Yesterday, I received a white registration card. And it makes me feel proud, for it's the first white card I've ever received. Yes, it's only the colour of the card—but it proves that I'm a Canadian-born!

Shadows . . .

When the days become warmer and the twilight lingers as if it hated to go, I find myself restless —and the crumpled up paper piles up in the waste-paper basket beside my desk.

When twilight lingers, I have strange visitors. Ordinarily, I love visitors, but these particular ones have no respect for the fact that I have work to do, and in their eyes I see sometimes, something like pity for what I have become.

There's the little tomboy with the smudge on her cheek, who tells me that the gang is waiting for me upon the "Rocks" close by. There's that gangly, idealistic, straight-haired high-school girl, who whispers that the moon is fuller tonight, and the shadows fall like black lace on the trails near the sea . . .

Go away! I have work to do and the deadline is only an hour away.

On The Newsfront

Medical Aid Program For Japan's Poor

TOKYO. — A vast program of medical treatment for the millions of poor in the Empire to go into effect next Autumn is now being drafted by the Welfare Ministry. A six-month expenditure of 1,500,000 yen has been decided upon. There are approximately four million persons belonging to the poorer class in Japan who have no means of acquiring medical aid.

Poultrymen to Increase Pressure on Government

NEW WESTMINSTER —Japanese poultrymen are joining in with Occidental farmers in the Fraser Valley to find a solution to their problems.

They are seeking from Victoria some plan of subsidizing the egg industry, either through payment of part of the freight rates on feed, or the freight charges on eggs to the Atlantic seaboard for overseas delivery.

Organization of the Poultrymen's Association is nearing completion with producers being signed up 100 per cent, and a permanent committee, it is expected, will be elected shortly.

Los Angeles Japanese Y.M.C.A. Wins Trophy

LOS ANGELES, — Winning over two other local "Y" branches, the Japanese branch of the Young Men's Christian Association this week brought signal honour to the local community by finishing first in the city-wide membership drive of the Y.M.C.A. It won the two and half foot perpetual challenge trophy for its success.

Chemainus JCCL Conducting Mid-Island Organization

CHEMAINUS —The local chapter will hold a welcome social in conjunction with its monthly meeting, with young people from Paldi and Duncan being present. Principal object will be to acquaint the Nisei from these points with JCCL work. It is hoped in future to establish a chapter in Paldi. Representatives from the National Executive, it is probable, will attend.

Rap Racial Discrimination

Council Asked To Prevent Hysteria

(From the Province)

VANCOUVER. — Recent anti-Oriental outbursts in the City Council have incurred the displeasure of the Canadian Civil Liberties Union.

A letter received from the organization on Tuesday charged that certain councillors have attempted to jeopardize the standing of Oriental citizens and asked assurances that no discrimination or "public hysteria" would be brought to bear against any race at any time.

It argued "that the dignity of any alderman would be maintained in a manner more fitting to the responsibility of his position by more careful consideration of public utterances on controversial subjects."

Any discrimination against law-abiding Canadian citizens, Oriental or Occidental, is entirely illegal and only tends to create a minority group with all its attendant ills, the union contended.

Aldermen ordered the communication filed.

"The courts will protect Orientals if we do anything wrong," commented Ald. John Bennet.

STORY OF THE WEEK

ARMY HAS NO USE FOR A CANADIAN'S SERVICE

"We cannot accept your application!"

With these terse words, the Canadian army has made it known that it does not desire in any shape or form the services of Canadians of Japanese origin in British Columbia, no matter how willing they may be to risk their lives in the Active Service Force as loyal sons of Canada.

And Yoshiaki Sato, aggressive New Westminster-born fisherman, is plenty hot under the collar, because his persistent attempts to enlist in the army have met with complete failure.

Known to his friends as "Sunshine," Sato has spent the better part of a month writing letters of application, and spent some $50 on six trips into Vancouver in his efforts to enlist.

Last week he received a final letter from the O.C. No. 11 District Depot A.F., stating that his application could not be accepted, although no reason was given.

Served in Militia

The 25-year old fisherman, in top-notch physical condition, is the sole support of aged parents and owns some $2000 worth of fishing gear.

From 1934 to 1939, he served in the militia — in "B" Company of the 47th regiment at New Westminster. At the outbreak of the war, he was discharged along with the whole company, in the understanding that he would receive a call to join the Active Service Force. No such call came.

Then, early last month, a personal friend, a commissioned officer, suggested to him that he apply, because men wtih knowledge and training in the operation of diesel en-

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Vets Seek Comfort Bags For Soldiers

The Canadian Japanese Association, senior Japanese organization in the province, will call a conference of representatives at the request of the Japanese Branch of the Canadian Legion, to discuss a campaign to raise funds for sending comfort bags to Canadian soldiers overseas, it was announced Monday.

At the same time the executive decided to throw its influence behind the national war savings certificates campaign.

Bunji Hisaoka, prominent boat-building contractor, was finally chosen president, to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Eikichi Kagetsu. Kojiro Shoji became vice-president in Mr. Hisaoka's place.

Drive For Fishermen's Credit Union

A vigorous drive to extend the credit union movement among the fishermen of the Fraser River, irrespective of location or race, will be embarked upon, it was decided last Saturday at a meeting of delegates from fishermen's organizations in Vnacouver.

Nisei delegates from the Upper River Japanese Fishermen's Association were Tatsuro Suzuki and Hideo Onotera, active leaders in the Sunbury area.

"We hope to further as far as humanly possible co-operative relations between Japanese Canadian and other fishermen," Suzuki said.

Actual organizational work will be carried on by Arthur Wyrick of the Department of University Extension of U.B.C., carrying on the work begun last season.

A. L. Nichols, president of the British Columbia branch of the Credit Union League, led delegates in a discussion of practical difficulties confront- that a credit union was not only valuable from a monetary standpoint, but that it encouraged the spirit of co-operation among members of the organization, among different credit unions, and nations through international contact.

1,000 Per Week Registered

FISHERMEN, FARMERS NEXT

VANCOUVER. — Over one thousand people were registered and issued identification cards in the first week of registration, Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers told The New Canadian. At this rate it is expected that registration of all Japanese in the province over sixteen will take upwards of four months.

In addition to the central headquarters on West Hastings Street ,a sub-office has been opened at the Holy Cross Anglican Mission on Cordova Street, with two constables stationed there.

Both offices have been registering a steady stream of people, old and young, from every part of the city, as well as numerous out-of-towners. For this reason it is not expected that any change in the set-up will be effected until the flow of people falls off.

Steveston Next?

It is likely, however, that the first point for registration outside the city will be the fishing centre of Steveston. It will be necessary to register fishermen before the busy season sets in.

Similarly farming districts in the Fraser Valley are scheduled for early registration, to complete these areas before the berry season reaches its peak.

If officers now stationed in Vancouver are sent to outside points, the central staff will be reinforced.

No serious difficulties have yet been encountered, Sergeant J. K. Barnes said. Registrants who have lost bona fide documents can have these traced by supplying necessary information to the police, who will check government files for verification.

All Ages Registering

Oldest registrant to date has been a 90-year old man, while several young people just sixteen have also been registered.

Roughly one-third of the registrants have been Canadian-born, an equal number naturalized British subjects, and the remainder aliens.

Photographers, meanwhile, are reporting a rushing business with people hastening to secure necessary photos. Amateur photographers in outside points are also reported to be reaping a fair profit.

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No Room In The Army

FROM the results of a fairly conclusive test case, it would appear that so far as the present and British Columbia is concerned, the Canadian army is not particularly anxious to have within its ranks any Canadians of Japanese origin, although Canadians of every other racial ancestry in Canada have been accepted.

We have no reason now to believe that an application from any other second generation to enlist in the Active Service or the Reserve Force would be received more enthusiastically. In this case, the applicant in question had previously served with good record in the Canadian peacetime militia. He was employed as an independent fisherman, with a considerable investment in boat and equipment. He had the benefit of first class references. He was possessed of excellent physique. And above all he had qualified as a skilled workman, of which there is no doubt, the army is in great need of today.

Doubtless the army had its reasons, but as in the case of Attorney-General Wismer's order-in-council confiscating all guns held by Canadian-born Orientals, no reasons have been stated.

There are not many of us, hence, who will pretend that there is no room here for bitterness. And there are not many young Canadian-born Japanese smarting under the stinging lash of disloyalty, charges of disloyalty, who unfortunately will not be infected by that same bitterness.

To our deep regret, too, the almost inevitable reaction has followed. If an offer to risk one's life voluntarily and willingly be summarily rejected now, even when all army units are being recruited up to full strength, then that offer of sacrifice will never be made again, no matter how dire the need.

Have then, as second generation Japanese, come to a blank, impassable wall? If we are accused of disloyalty, and the opportunity to hurl the lie back into the teeth of the critics be denied us, are we left then to flounder in a slough of bitterness, prejudice and frustration?

We cannot believe that! We cannot believe that the vast majority of thinking, responsible Canadians, interested in the Canadian nation, will not in the end go out of its way to rid this Dominion once and for all of that contemptible slogan, "once a foreigner, always a foreigner."

Nor can we believe for a moment that the young men and young women to whose service this newspaper is dedicated, and whom it knows so well, lack the ability, the faith, the determination to conquer human weaknesses, either in themselves or in their Canadian neighbours.

We on our part have nothing to win, and everything to lose by succumbing to bitterness and frustration. We have everything to win if we but keep our eyes upon the goal to be won—that right to stand among our fellows with head high and to declare in pride and truth, "I am a Canadian, free, equal, honourable!"

Oriental Hospital

THE establishment of a new Oriental Hospital in the city has again been blocked through the opposition of residents and institutions in those areas where a site for the hospital has been proposed.

We should not like to think that the opposition that has been voiced has arisen from the fact that the proposed institution is for Oriental patients. Nor should we care to think that contentions that it would interfere with the ordinary routine of cultural or commercial activity in any particular district are merely a rationalization of prejudice against an "Oriental" hospital. If that were true, it would be an indication of a rank, un-Christian, pharasaical attitude on the part of the objecting citizens.

On the other hand it is wholly true that some feeling against the proposed hospital may be justified upon grounds of health. Yet, if any such exist, it should be the responsibility of public health officials before anyone else to decide whether or not a hospital should be built upon a particular site.

The obvious and incontrovertible fact in the whole matter, however, is that if the hospital is restricted to the Oriental quarter, it will not be able to fulfill its own purpose. Anyone, even if they have only seen the present hospital but once, knows that its conditions and surroundings are such as to defeat the very ends for which it exists. The present site—in a low-rental, sub-standard area, located beside street-car lines, transcontinental and local railway tracks, and busy waterfront docks, surrounded on all sides by industrial plants—is better fitted to serve the purposes of even a church or city hall, rather than a hospital dedicated to the healing in peace and quiet of the sufferings of humanity.

The hospital cannot—it must not—be built again in the midst of sub-standard conditions such as prevail generally throughout the "Oriental Quarter." It should be built on the most convenient site which offers the healthiest surroundings and the greatest chance for patients to recover, with the least interference in the normal life of the district. These, and these only, should be the criteria in selecting a site. The question of race does not enter into the picture at all!

Nisei of the Year

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: In a recent issue of The New Canadian I noticed an article entitled "Nisei of the Year" in the United States. Well, what about such a search in Canada? In my opinion, a search of Niseis as this is worth while as well as very interesting to all. And this, of course, should be carried out by the idle J.C.C.L. Are they doing anything at present? Surely there is something they can do. Why not send a representative or two to the forthcoming Bussei League's annual oratorical contest. They even had the discussion group in Japanese at the last J.C.C.L. Convention.

"Etsu."

New Westminster, B. C.

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"In spite of so many discouraging signs on the wall, we are confident there is not going to be any American-Japanese war this year. The danger remains, and admittedly we are on the brink. We will continue to expect the worst, but we are far, far from abandoning hope."—Togo Tanaka in the Los Angeles Rafu Shimpo.

Americana

● American Tradition . . .

Never will it be said that new Americans of Japanese origin will let down that ancient American tradition of everything being super-colossal-stupendous-gigantic, while Canadian Nisei are upholding a heritage of British conservatism and modesty.

Says a report from Chemainus, Vancouver Island: "We hope to organize the ninth chapter of the J. C. C. L. in Paldi shortly."

Says a report from the National J. American C. L.: "Three new chapters have been established in Utah, bringing the total to 51." Guiding light of the Citizens League in Brigham Young's state, by the way, is Mike Masaoka, a Nisei of national debating fame, himself an elder in the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City. No information on his marital status is available.

● Eternal Woman . . .

A far-seeing Nisei business man of Monela, California, is capitalizing on another American tradition and his knowledge of a woman's psychology. He's the proprietor of the Oyama Cosmetic Company. Several days ago he gave a demonstration of the fine art of beauty-make-up with a line of "Hollywood Beauty" products. Needing models for the demonstration, he laid his trap for Nisei girls by promising them a free photo of themselves. It worked. "Vanity, thy name is woman."

● A Dancing School . . .

We're the first to admit that politics and economics bore us to tears. But if we hadn't read it with our own eyes, we never would have dreamed that the dignified Japanese American Citizens League would lower itself to become a dancing-school. But that's exactly what the San Jose chapter has done—organized dancing classes to get the wall flowers properly draped around the stag line.

Blame it on the Spanish influence, maybe, but it's working as smoothly as a similar project promoted hereabouts a year or so ago by the intellectual University Students' Club.

● Points of View . . .

Loyalty to America is the motif of the Nisei press up and down the American coast these days, but sometimes they don't quite get together.

A week or so ago, the Central Japanese Association, first generation organization, got together at its annual meeting, and passed a resolution pledging itself to instill into the Nisei "the true spirit of wholehearted and undivided loyalty to the U.S.A."

Los Angeles' breezy weekly, Bean Takeda edited, hailed the resolution as "the crowning achievement of the conference." But the long-established 'Frisco New World-Sun had other words for it. Commented the English editor, telling off the elders, "Of all persons, those who are joining the armed forces are the ones who least need the inculcation of the "true spirit, etc. . . . . We wonder why they were singled out . . . . it may have been better if the resolution was left unsaid. We hope similar mistakes will not be made . . . by well-meaning first generation members. . . ."

Says the local editor: "If we only had a million bucks, what telling off we could do. . . ."

● Serve My Country . . .

It's reported as true that one Nisei in a California military camp was finicky about his food. He was always complaining about the meals, and one day he undertook to call the cook's attention to the soup kettle which was left open, permitting dust to blow into the soup.

Said the Nisei rookie: "If you would remember to leave the lid on that kettle all the time, we wouldn't get so much dust and dirt with our soup."

Snapped back the cook: "Never you mind. Leave the cooking to me. Your business is to serve your country."

"That's right," niftied the Nisei soldier. "My business is to serve my country, but not to eat it."

For a' that

SOMETIME back, the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Vancouver and district, three thousand strong, gathered at the Exhibition Gardens in a memorial service to their late Leader Lord Baden-Powell. I happened to be on a street-corner, waiting for a westbound car, when I saw the particular scouts that started me thinking.

The boys must have been about twelve years old. They were clear-eyed and healthy looking; evidently they were coming to a meeting place of their patrol before marching on to the Park. The two scouts came striding along with that peculiar scout stride, talking as they swung along.

Then behind me, in the newly cleared vacant lot, I heard two other boys, not scouts, in blue denims and worn sweaters, volubly discussing the uniformed pair. I turned to look at the youngsters, and was unpleasantly surprised at their pale, listless faces, the hunched figures. Probably if the scouts hadn't been there to present the comparison, they would have appeared average. As it was, though, I began to wonder on the difference between the two types of boyhood.

My car came then, so I boarded it, and right on down to my destination I ruminated, and decided it did not take much thinking to see what set the scouts apart from the urchins.

The boys in the lot were aimless; the scouts had purpose and direction.

How priceless is the gift that Lord Baden-Powell gave to the youth of the world! He not only inspired moral and physical discipline, but also brought romance and adventure into the lives of young boys and girls. He gave them incentive to grow into decent, clean-living men and women, self-reliant and adequate no matter what the cricumstances.

Doubtless those boys in the lot have their meals cooked and served properly by their mothers, and any boyish urge to bake a spud experimentally, and surreptitiously behind the garage would meet with an abrupt check. But if they were scouts, around a campfire lit without benefit of convenient matches, and baked that same potato over neatly piled hot stones, how much more delicious and tangy the lowly vegetable would be. What a proud sense of accomplishment the boys would have, too.

Time and again I have been accused of being a romantic idealist. The thing to be, I'm told, is a sceptical realist. I challenge these realists! Do they get as much fun out of the little things as the romanticist does? Strip any task of its glow, and it will become limp and uninteresting beyond endurance. Any pleasure then loses its glamour. Only the most unimaginative plodder would feel no loss. But if you charge our daily life with a bit of adventure and romance, then, the little people will begin to live.

I Like the Comics

● BY SHIZUE MURASAKI

I WAKE UP with Blondie and digest my evening meal with Terry and the Pirates. I belong to that vast multitude of ordinary folk who are sniffed at daintily by the so-called intelligentsia as definitely "low brow" and pigeonholed laboriously by professors of psychology as "infantile adults." I do not care particularly into what category I am placed, as long as I can read my funnies in peace. Time enough for theories and international complications, but for ten minutes every morning and every evening, leave me with Dagwood and Co., or somewhere along Gasoline Alley or nomading along the highways of the world with Pat Ryan.

I do not know why I must read the comic strips. Often as not, they are not even comcial. But I read them all. To be able to slouch in a good easy chair, or slump over the desk and to deliberately skip the headlines on Japan's latest tactics in the East or Germany's next blitzkrieg, fills me with almost sadistic pleasure —knowing that they should be read. Let the world situation dangle for a moment—I could not settle it anyway. True, I shall go back and furrow my brow over world-shaking matters, and dole out my two-bits worth on these self-same events — and which, incidentally, will be taken as "just worth two-bits", maybe less —but for ten minutes I enjoy myself.

Pat Ryan, dark-haired soldier of fortune, ever whistling down Advanture Road, rescuing heiresses, pirate ladies and exotic women of mystery! Now, there's a fellow I'd like to meet personally. No, perhaps not personally. He might be too-perfect, a little too much brawn and good looks to stand up aganist my . . . . er . . . . muscles. From one adventure to another he sails with twentieth century, devil-may-care gallantry, immune to the charms of such glamorous creatures as Burma and the Dragon Lady.

DEEP DOWN in every normal person, there lies a secret longing, often unexpressed, to go on the road of high adventure. At best, the most exciting event in our every-day world, at least to those who like myself, are chained down to a routine of telephones and typewriters, or to lunch counter meals and eight o'clock alarm clocks, is a round of golf or a midnight cabaret. We are as far removed from adventure as we are from Mars, and even if Adventure were to brush our work-worn sleeve, most of us are too conventional, too practical to leave our bread and butter to follow where it beckons. And so, tied to our little ball and chain, Pat Ryan is a temporary passport to romantic adventure.

And deep down, too, in this suburban soul of ours, there exists that childish desire for perfection. How many times have we placed our faith in fellow humans! How many times have they let us down! Pat Ryan and his kind never let us down. They are swell guys to have around!

AND DAGWOOD with his cow-lick and bow tie, poor fellow, runs the gamut of emotions and experiences that are no more spectacular or out of the ordinary than mine or the person's next door. When Baby Dumpling, gazing out of the window, tells Blondie that a policeman is coming home with Daddy, Blondie's suburban soul is filled with dismay as to what her neighbors will think, and when Dagwood is forced to go around the block three times to uphold the Bumstead family honour, we recall the many times when we have heard our own blondies saying "What will the neighbours think!" And when Dagwood comes hurrying home, and it isn't the colour or light in Blondie's eyes, but a squint into the stew pot which brings forth avowals of love, every little blondie sympathizes with Blondie Bumstead, and smiles indulgently at Dagwood simply because he is an average guy and not a Casanova, prone to link his devotions with frankfurters and cocoanut cream pies.

I'm just an ordinary person, and the comic strips can give me in so many graphic illustrations and just so many plain English words—in just enough words, mind you not to overtax my mental capacities—glimpses of life that is part and parcel of my world, sprinkled of course, with just enough romance to keep life interesting. And so the high brows can keep their "isms" and "ologies." Just pass me the back page of the News-Herald or the Daily Province.

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Femme Fare . . .

● A GUEST COLUMN BY NISEIETTE

Spring Brings the Bridal Showers.

—Engagements . . . . . . betrothals . . . and what have you. Have you noticed the numerous announcements in the papers lately? There's a regular "epidemic" these days, isn't there?

If you should have a dear friend who is altar-bound, you probably are contemplating on having a shower for her. In accordance with her streamlined viewpoint, keep in mind that she choose her trousseau and the equipment for her new home by standards of beauty, usefulness and efficiency, and prays that well-wishers will apply the same yardstick when selecting wedding gifts.

For originality try to arrange a bridal shower with a flexible program which can be adapted for either a miscellaneous or kitchen shower, and the pantry or hostess-shelf shower . . . always appreciated by the guest of honour.

Gift Suggestions for the Bride.

Rubber-covered dish drainers and racks (saves dishes); nut and onion chopper (saves tears!); efficient can-openers to attach on wall (saves tempers!); set of standard spoon and cup measures (saves failures!).

To introduce the bride to the art of cooking you might present her with jelly-moulds in fancy shapes, cookie and biscuit cutters, and a very useful sturdy cast aluminum egg-slicer for a life-time of salads, and pie-crimper to help her pass the "apple-pie" test!

Let's be Different!

Ask the guests to deliver their gifts the day before, unwrapped but with their gift card attached, so that you and a witty friend whom you have persuaded to play the role of demonstrator can assemble the articles at the "booth" and compose a humorous sales talk to praise the uses and advantages of each gadget.

Ridiculous hints and surprising recipes should be interspersed, such as "how to make up after the first quarrel," "how to rid you homes of pests," "cooking your GOOSE," "angel food (and the opposite!!!) etc. Do you catch on?

Or for a miscellaneous or pantry shower give the presentation an international or "all round" atmosphere by asking guests to bring gifts from different countries, wrapping them in a fashion typical of the nation from which the articles come. I think that a set of "ochawan" for instance would be a very ideal and practical gifts for the nisei bride-to-be. I know she'll be simply delighted!

Guests and the bride-elect alike, I am sure would certainly enjoy the affair if you could "top" the shower by arranging to have a clairvoyant come to your home. Or better still, have one of the girls disguise herself as a gypsy fortune-teller and entertain the crowd with a little bit of the personal touch! Successful showers to you niseiettes!

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A Letter to a Columnist

DEAR CINDERELLA:

The Spring equinox is a week away but I see you have tha t"certain fever" already. Well . . . I don't exactly blame you because I've got "it" myself! After all, how can you help it when the whole world is about to arouse from winter's hibernation. The turquoise, the brown soil, the dashing wind, the rhythmic rain, the sun and all this wild vegetation around us . . .

You know those oft-quoted lines: "music when soft voices die, vibrates in the memory." You can call it reminiscing, Cinderella, if you like, but certain moods, music and songs vividly remind me of people . . . places . . . incidents . . . things . . .

"Ave Maria"—a sanctuary, the time I sat breathlessly through a solemn candlelight service in Canadian Memorial Chapel; "Deep Purple"—at dusk when the purple haze begins to drift sea; "Clair de Lune"—through a blur like a delicate mist over land and of tears, Easter lilies; "Song of the Islands"—Hawaii, the isle of a thousand dreams, the laughing swirling sea along the shores of Waikiki, of the natives miles and miles away, and at night the sound of the mountains whispering strange tales to the breeze.

And "Pomp and Circumstance" — the love of my heritage . . . Canada; "Auld Lang Syne"—the film, " 'Till we meet again," of two lovers, doomed to die, who part with "auf wiedersehen"; and "Stardust"—of stardust and "when you wish upon a star . . ."

Starlight, star bright,
First star I see tonight,
I wish I may, I wish I might
Have the wish I wish tonight . . .

. . . yes, I saw the most radiant star and I just made my wish. What, tell you my secret wish? That would spoil it all . . . just let me keep my wish . . .

"Niseiette."

Episode—

At Night . . .

". . . and whaddye know, he just walks in and holds them up!"

"Well I'll be d— —D! If that's the case, we'd better get going now, it's late."

Suddenly, the three young men stopped talking, and simultaneously turned their eyes toward the outer door. Footsteps coming slowly up from the main stairway, with hardly a sound. They glanced at each other quickly, nerves tensed. Sure enough, those footsteps were heading towards their office. Soon they would be at the door. The listeners weren't frightened. Oh, no! Still they made no sound, waiting quietly for something to happen.

The youngest of the three had his fingers poised over the typewriter, on which he was evidently catching up with some work, his head facing the inner door. The oldest, behind the desk, uncrossed his legs silently and glanced at his watch. 11.30 p.m. The third, arms wound around a straight-backed chair, shifted slightly to ease his position, but otherwise kept waiting quietly.

Down below in the darkened, deserted street a late street car rumbled its way toward the east; in the lane behind the building they could hear the swish-swish of the water-wagon, clearing away the debris of the day into the gutters. The noise of the city emphasized the hollow stillness of the second floor, so that the footsteps made a sinister sound, a vaguely menacing sound. Distinct now, suddenly they halted at the door. A hand was fumbling with the door-knob, and with a squeak, the door began to open into the darkness of the outer room.

With the inner door half closed, the waiting three could not see who had entered. The strain was too much for one, and he swore soundlessly, while the youngest held up a finger in warning. They waited, immobile, calm. Whoever was coming in, came in slowly, hesitantly, and shut the door with a faint click. There he was now heading straight for the inner room. Unconsciously the three tensed themselves. Then the face came into view, and through their relief they heard a voice, a timid little voice, asking:

"Is the paper out? The light was on, so I thought . . . ."

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Town Topics . . .

Marriage Vows

Marriage vows will be exchanged by Mitsuyo, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Uhei Miike of Marpole and Haruo Furukawa, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Yaichi Furukawa, at a 5 o'clock ceremony on Saturday, March 15, at the Buddhist Temple.

The marriage ceremony will be followed by a reception at the Fuji.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Kuzuhara and Mr. and Mrs. I. Kawamoto are the nakodos.

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Rev. K. Shimizu will tie the nuptial knot at the Powell United Church, Monday, March 24, when Miss Chiyeko Ida and Mr. S. Oyama the joined in holy wedlock. Mr. and Mrs. Izo Fujita are the baishakunins.

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Miss Louise Shige Tsuchiya, well-known local nurse, and Mr. T. Isomura, will be the principals at a quiet wedding to be performed on Saturday, March 15, at 5 o'clock, at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tsuchiya, 881 Union Street.

The baishakunins are Mr. and Mrs. S. Shinobu.

The Hompa Buddhist Temple, Saturday, March 22, will be the setting for the late afternoon wedding of Yoshiko, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Yamamoto to Mr. Kozo Kondo, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kondo.

A reception at the Fuji will follow the wedding service.

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Fuji Ski Club Hop

Once again the Fuji Ski Club announces its annual Wind-up Dance. The date is Friday, March 23. Keep this date open—and watch for further announcements! The Club promises a raffle and best dance entertainment in its history for their seventh annual social. Will be seeing you!

Fukuoka Seinenkai Keirokai

At the Hompa Temple on Sunday, March 9, some thirty pioneers were honoured by the Fukuoka Seinenkai. Speeches and the presentation of souvenir gifts to the honoured guests highlighted this "Keirokai," which was attended by over two hundred people.

Cabaret-ing

Among the dancers at the Cave Cabaret on Wednesday, March 12, was Mr. Hiroshi Nishi with a small party of friends. The no-host affair was in celebration of Mr. Nishi's recent election to the presidency of the Steveston J.C.C.A.

Prize-winners

Bouquets and congratulations go to two Niseis, winners in the recent health poster contest sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Health League and the Metropolitan Health Committee.

Miss Martha Yoshinaka of Model School, third prize winner in the group including grades 7, 8, and 9 pupils, was recipient of $5.00 worth of war saving stamps. Akinori Ralph Horiuchi of Britannia High School, consolation prize winner in the group including grades 10, 11 and 12, received $1.00 worth of stamps.

JCCL Elections

Election of officers for the new term will be held at the annual meeting of Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League at Nippon Club, on Thursday, March 20, commencing 8 p.m.

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MARCH

14—[illegible] Circle — Home of Mrs. [illegible] Kitagawa, [illegible] Pender St., [illegible] p.m.
15—Camp and Millworkers Union Discussion Group on "Public Morals", Japanese Hall, [illegible] p.m.
15—Fairview United Church Concert, Fairview Mission.
16—Fairview Y.B.A. [illegible] Tryouts, Fairview Temple, 2.00 p.m.
17—Saint Patrick's Day.
18—Nisei [illegible] Meeting, Carleton Chan's Studio, 8.15 p.m.
20—Y.C.L.B.—Taxis Concert, Powell Church Hall, 7.30 p.m. [illegible]
29—Hompa Y.M.B.A. Concert, Hompa Temple, 7.30 p.m.

APRIL

1—April Fool's Day!
10—Spring Frolic?

Powell Junior Church Service Sunday

"From Faith to Certainty" will be the theme for the Junior Church service to be held next Sunday evening, March 16th, at 7:30 o'clock in the Powell Street Church. Rev. K. Shimizu also invites young people to join in the study of "Our Responsibility in Social Amelioration" at the Y. P. Discussion Group at 10 o'clock in the morning.

JCCL Cup Awarded In Victoria High Oratory Contest

VICTORIA. — Miss Eileen Wills, popular matriculation student and editor of both the Camosun and Camosunet, school papers, has been awarded the Japanese Canadian Citizens League trophy as the winner of the annual oratorical contest held at the Victoria High School recently. Title of her winning oration was "The Invisible Hand."

Runner-up in the contest, declared "the best and most successful competition of this type ever held in Victoria High School," was Donald Holmes. His speech was entitled, "What Position Will Science Occupy in the World of the Future"?

The contest this year drew a record entry, among whom were two Nisei, Mavis Yuasa and Frank Otake.

Miss Wills will be presented with the beautiful challenge trophy, presented by the Victoria Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League in commemoration of the Royal Visit, 1939. She will also receive for permanent possession a miniature cup.

No Challenge to Great Britain in East

LONDON. — Conciliatory assurances that Japan has no intention of challenging Great Britain in the Far East were reported made last week by Ambassador Mamoru Shigemitsu in a half-hour conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill. He stressed "that Japan's policy is not a challenge to Britain's interests in the Far East and that she does not wish the European war to spread there.

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City Groups Hear Nisei Speakers

Interest Running High In Nisei Question

VANCOUVER.—Public interest in the so-called "Japanese question" is running high in Vancouver at present, and the Japanese Canadian Citizens League is capitalizing on the opportunity to present the Nisei side of the question to responsible citizens interested in the question of racial minority groups in Canada.

Guest speaker at the fortnightly discussion meeting of a study group of student nurses at the Vancouver General Hospital last night, Thursday, was Mrs. E. Kitagawa, Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit.

Mrs. Kitagawa, in a half-hour address urged upon her listeners a sympathetic understanding of Canadians of Japanese racial origin. They are as human as any other Canadian, she declared, and can be good citizens only if Canadian society is willing and ready to accept them.

Canadian Club

The Vancouver unit of the men's Canadian Club, Dominion-wide service and patriotic organization, has also set up a committee to investigate thoroughly second generation groups of alien birth. The committee will prepare a report of its findings for submission to the Vancouver Unit, which will then be referred to the national organization.

First group to be studied are Japanese Canadians in British Columbia. A discussion on this question will be led next Monday by Thomas Shoyama, representing the National Japanese Canadian Citizens League.

Mr. Shoyama will also speak on the same question to the Optimist Club, a group of younger city business men, on March 26, and to the Quad Club, political discussion group of the Y.M.C.A., on March 31.

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THE AMERICAN SCENE

Yukio Wants to Join the Army

(From the Christian Science Monitor)

It was while our thought was disturbed about our promising young friends being drafted that we heard about Yukio — Yukio who daily brought fresh fruits and vegetables to our door, driving an old truck laden with good things, and ringing a bell to make his presence kinwon. This truck had been coming by our door for as long as we had lived here, driven first by the father, and now by the son.

It was one lovely morning in early January when a friend said to us, "Did you know that Yukio has volunteered for service?" The news startled us. We had thought of this Japanese lad as not being an American at all. We knew, of course, that he had been born in the United States, and had attended the local high school, but he was so distinctly Japanese, with parents so more distinctly so, that it just didn't seem to us that he could be a fellow-countryman.

Once we even seriously considered withdrawing our patronage from Yukio lest we contribute to a Japanese victory in China. We did curtail our purchases for a long time, buying only occasionally, so that we did not seem to break off relations altogether with Yukio, but at the same time being careful not to finance the Japanese war effort. Of course, we soon saw how ridiculous we were. Yukio helped us to see it by his unfailing kindness and courtesy. On rainy days he appeared at our back door in oilskins to ask what he could bring us, admonishing us not to come out in the rain and get wet. On the days when we went out to his truck he would note the bulk and number of our packages, and number of our packages, and if these were the least bit heavy he must carry them for us and deposit them on our kitchen table. And never, never did he urge us to buy more than we needed (a virtue not so pronounced in his father), but rather did he try to curb any tendency to extravagance on our part.

And now he was in the army—or soon would be. A few more days on the truck, and he would be gone. We wondered if they would let him do mechanical things in the army. Yukio had always wanted to be a mechanic, despite his flair for creating still-life pictures with his produce. "Driving a truck all day is too soft work," he had once said in one of his rare personal observations, although he admittedly worked from dawn till dark.

Well, maybe the army wouldn't be "too soft." How strange it seemed that Yukio should be in the United States army! How doubly strange it seemed when our relations with Japan were so strained, when Japanese politicians' threats and warnings were still ringing in our ears. The thought of Yukio in our army intrigued us no little. We felt strangely curious about it. We wished we might ask him about it before he went away. Finally we came right out with it. "Yukio," we asked, "why did you volunteer for service in the army?" We were careful not to say "our" army in that possessive tone.

Yukio is shy, and not at all voluble. A young friend of ours calls him the "man of two words." "Well," he replied, measuring his words the while he weighed a pound of broccoli for us, "well, I have to go sometime, so I might as well go now—and besides, I want to go."

And suddenly we knew that throughout the land there were many Yukios, American-born sons of foreign-born parents. Neither courses in college nor lucrative jobs could stand in the way of their serving their country in its hour of stress. Yukio had evidently glimpsed something worth doing. "Besides," he had said, "I want to go."

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Public Morals Topic Of "Minshu" Parley

Standards of Nisei morals will be one of the vital topics for deliberation of the discussion meeting which is being sponsored by the Camp and Mill Workers Union, this Friday evening at the Japanese School.

With leading figures in the community, including prominent business men, ministers, school teachers and physicians, invited to the meet, keen discussion is expected. Facts and observations on the Japanese community, especially of the effects of the war, will be aired.

T. Sada, president of the Union, will be the chairman for the evening.

RED CROSS News Notes

All group captains and members of the executive of the Japanese Canadian Unit are urgently requested to attend the executive meeting to be held Mrch 16 at the Tairiku Hall at 3 p.m.| Discussion on the year's program will be a feature of the meeting.

Seven thousand miles from the heart of the Empire on the far-flung frontiers of northern British Columbia, "Polaris Taku", a remote mining camp, located on the Taku river somewhat south of the famous gold town of Atlin, is a staunch and regular supporter of the Red Cross. Since the outbreak of war every monht a substantail cheque has been sent to the provincial Red Cross headquarters in Vancouver. This money is raised by contribution of a day's pay each month by many of the miners and by entertainments. The objective is $25,000 and to date approximately $6000 has been raised.

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Mrs. Clarke of Terrace, who lost her right arm at the shoulder in an accident many years ago, is an untiring Red Cross worker. She cut and pieced a quilt top of four-inch blocks, sewed it together by machine and donated it to the Terrace Red Cross branch. The members completed it and it is now on its way to England. She also donated a live goose which realized $11.00 for the branch.

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A week later he received an encouraging letter from Victoria, and on February 19 was interviewed by Provincial Police officers acting on military orders. He came away from the interview, satisfied that his application would be accepted, and that he would soon be able to wear the King's uniform.

Rfeerred to Ottawa

A few days later he was informed that the matter had been referred to Ottawa, but that his "chances were good."

But on March 1, he received a letter flatly rejecting his application.

Said Sato to this reporter in wrath:

"The army needs skilled men who are willing to go. I waded through all the red tape because I wanted to do something to prove that the second generation are loyal to Canada.

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LANGLEY LYRICS

By Staff Correspondent

GAKUGEKAI . . . The first school concert of the Coghlan Japanese School was held on March 9. Due to the untiring efforts of the teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Kudo, a splendid program of "odori", speeches, plays and singing was greatly enjoyed by all.

Muneo Takeda, who was chairman for the occasion, led the large audience in singing "O Canada," followed by an address from Mr. M. Orida.

Of the various "odori", the one of the kimono clad elder students was the most picturesque, and enthusiastically received by the audience.

The closing speech by Kyoto Shigehiro and the singing of "The King" brought the program to an end.

Candy bags which were distributed among the kiddies were eagerly accepted.

KNITTING . . . Girls of the Langley Nisei Club are co-operating with the local unit of the Red Cross Society by busying themselves in knitting and sewing.

SKATEFEST . . . Come one! Come all! Let's skate with the Langley Nisei Club at Milner Hall on Saturday, March 15, commencing at 7:30. Refreshments will be served and prizes raffled, so "let's make it a date."

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BRITANNIA BITS

By Staff Correspondent

Sunday evening the first meeting of the Konwa-Kai for this year was held in the bunkhouse dining room. Suggestions for another softball team and other minor questions were discussed. The meeting was brought to a close with tasty refreshments for all.

Bacon, Matheson and Dobie led the local high school team to victory against a game but outclassed visiting Ryerson basketball team in an exhibition tilt here last Saturday.

Sunday afternoon some 15 shuttle fans travelled to Woodfibre for a tournament, but managed to win only 5 out of a total of 24 games played. Scores for individual games were close, but it was a sad story for Britannia. Nevertheless, in the words of Mr. Jones: "The Woodfibrians are a fine bunch of people and we had a very enjoyable time."

Wonderful weather these days, isn't it? Every indication of spring days approaching . . . sun shining . . . birds twittering . . . blue skies. But poor Johnny Swan contracted the measles the other day, so now he looks out from his window with a forlorn look.

Capital City Chatter

By Ioni Gossip

The first regular meeting of the recently organized Y.P.S. will be held on Tuesday March 18th, at the Japanese Mission Hall, starting at 8:30 p.m. Hereafter meetings will be held semi-monthly, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

An interesting program has been lined up, with the subject chosen for discussion at the coming meeting being: "What Do I Know About God?"

All young people, sixteen years of age and over, are cordially invited to attend.

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Miss Eileen Wills and Mr. Donald Holmes, winner and runner-up respectively, of the annual oratorical contest held at the Victoria High School, will be featured speakers at the regular meeting of the Victoria Chapter, J.C.C.L., to be held at the Gogakko Hall, Friday, March 21st, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

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Vagaries: A certain party was heard to have made frantic appeals for mustard plaster—yea, he's the selfsame youngster who enjoyed (at the time) some skiing at Grouse Mountain not so long ago — we wondered why you wouldn't strip for basketball last week, fella . . . . After a heart-breaking opener a couple of weeks back, the followers of the trail blazed by one, Isaac Walton, are coming into their own, or at least so it seems by the number of nice trout we've seen lately — though we do have a sneaking suspicion that one of the boys went wading for his fish—he was wet from the hips down—let's see you get yourself out of that, James!

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Flash! We just learned that Tak Kuwabara has returned home to recuperate after being confined to hospital, after an accident up at Port Alberni. Here's wishing you a real quick recovery Tak.

PRINCE RUPERT CHATTER

By Staff Correspondent

PRINCE RUPERT. — After a short cold spell, the snow paid a visit to this city. For two days people were kept indoors by a fierce blizzard, but now the weather man is giving us perfect conditions.

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Travelling and Tripping

Returning recently from the Queen Charlotte Islands was Mr. Sunge Nakamoto. Two weeks later, Miss Kana Yamananka returned from the same place.

A recent arrival from the south is Kay Hirano, who is expecting to fish for dog fish in this district. Also returning home from Japan is Mr. Kano Ino, after a two-months' visit across the Pacific.

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It's a Date! . . .

What's a date? The J. C. Y. O. Benefit Concert, March 15, at the Community Hall. A parade of Nisei talent in music and drama will feature this concert, confidently expected to be the best ever presented in the Nisei community. On the program are the following plays: "Reso no Oto," "Chi Chi Kaero," and "Ni to Shin dai Sha."

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Nippon A.Y.P.A.

At the monthly devotional meeting of the Nippon A. Y. P. A. Mr. W. W. C. O'Neill, principal of Booth Memorial High School, gave an interesting devotional talk to the members.

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Tribute To Pioneer Vernon Farmer

By Staff Correspondent

VERNON, B. C.—A memorial service in tribute to a pioneer leader of the Japanese community in this district, the late Mr. Torajiro Sakakibara, was held here March 2 at the Vernon Farmers' Association Hall.

The late Mr. Sakakibara, well-known as a leader and philosopher, had been first councillor for the Vernon Japanese Farmers Association from 1933 to 1938. He has experimented extensively in scientific methods of western farming, and had been instrumental in persuading many local Japanese farmers to follow his methods.

He passed away last November in his sixty-fourth year in his native prefecture of Miyagi-ken, Japan. It was in tribute to his memory that loyal friends conducted the service recently.

Surviving are Mr. and Mrs. Kiyosuke Sakakibara and Mr. and Mrs. Kaiji Sakakibara.

G. Isobe presided at the service and gave the opening speech. Final Respects were paid by the following representatives: E. Toriumi, Farmers Association; Y. Okasawara, Maintenance Association (Ijikai); Mrs. S. Ogasawara, Women's Association; and M. Ogasawara, Mrs. R. Hikichi, Mr. Yamamoto and J. I. Suguwara on behalf of friends.

The half hour reading of the Sutra was performed by A. Tsuji, G. Taguchi and S. Ohashi, and the chant was rendered.

The Messrs. Sakakibara expressed their gratitude for the service.

A special word of thanks goes to M. Kato for his part in the service.

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Taiyos Drop JCCL From Victoria Cage Play-Offs

The Taiyos in quest of their second straight championship in two years, downed the J. C. C. L. quintet 27 to 24 in a sudden-death fixture staged at the Centennial Gym last Thursday. They will, by virtue of their fine victory, play the Tuxis Beavers, in a best-out-of-three series for the Victoria Japanese Community Basketball League Championship.

The winners hit their stride from the opening whistle and held a one-sided 22-2 lead at the intermission. In the last half, while holding the Taiyo scoring ace, Thomas Kuwabara scoreless, the Citizen Leaguers found the going more to their liking and staged one of their famed last minute rallies, to outscore the eventual winners 12 to 5.

Thomas Kuwabara, George Hasegawa and Saburo Kuwata, with ten, eight and six points respectively, were high for the winners, while Jimmie Shimizu with three field goals was the leading scorer for the losers.

Muneo Kawasoe left the game early in the last quarter, on getting his fourth personal.

Taiyos:—S. Kuwata 6, Mitsuo Kawasoe, Harold Kawasoe 3, G. Hasegawa 8, and T. Kuwabara 10—Total 27.

J.C.C.L.: — G. Kuwata, J. Shimizu 6, Stum Shimizu 2, Muneo Kawasoe 2, Sly Joi and M. Okamoto 4—Total 14.

ISSEIS EDGE NISEIS BUT IT'S NOT FINAL

The much disputed quesion of Issei supremacy over the Niseis, was far from settled even after the outcome of last Sunday's match at Langara in which the Isseis eked out a one point win. True, the Isseis enjoyed a very hearty dinner at he expense of he Niseis (who dug pretty far to pay for it), but the slim margin leaves plenty of doubt. To emphasize still farther the closeness of the match, six of the eleven matches were decided on the 18th hole, indicating that if one of the 5 Niseis got a "break", the match would have been reversed with Niseis coming out on top.

The younger team started out very strongly by taking nine out of the possible eleven points for the first nine, but in the majority of cases the margin of holes was so slim that when the Isseis put on the pressure the Nisei golfers faded to lose out in the 2nd nine and in the total 18 holes.

The Scoring

At the dinner the Nisei still smarting from the defeat and taunting of the Isseis, challenged the latter to a return match to be played sometime in June. It was readily accepted.

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The 3-point scoring system on which the match was based follows: One point for the winner of the most number of holes in winner of the most number of the first nine; one point for the holes in the 2nd nine; one point for the winner of the most number of holes in the total 18 holes. If at the end of any nine holes the players are even each gets ½ point.

Results

Isseis—Pts.		Niseis—Pts.
Isogai 2½	vs.	H. Tanaka ½
Katsukawa 2	vs.	Yasui 1
Hisaoka 0	vs.	Suzuki 3
Ogino 2	vs.	M. Maikawa 1
Nimi ½	vs.	Kodaira 2½
Miura 0	vs.	Ashikawa 3
Arakawa 2½	vs.	Kuwabara ½
Uchiyama ½	vs.	S. Maikawa 2½
Kishimoto 2½	vs.	Miyasaki ½
Tsuyuki 2	vs.	Banno 1
Ito 2½	vs.	Tokawa ½

Isseis 17 points; Niseis 16 points.

Golf School Opens

NOTICE TO HASTINGS DUBBERS: Here's the break every novice club-wielder has been waiting for. How many of us have vainly tried to correct our unorthodox swings and wondered how the heck anybody could hook and slice so unfailingly?

This Sunday on the False Creek Flats, at the foot of Hawkes Avenue, Mickey Maikawa, Nippon golfer, has offered voluntary coaching to all beginners.

Anyone interested is asked to bring about 6 balls and his clubs. School begins at 7 a.m. to give ample time for anyone desiring to go out on the big course to try out what has been learnt.

One consolation of the match was the fact that no Niseis received a goose egg, whereas Ashikawa completely routed the highly-touted Miura and Suzuki luckily got his full share. The Isseis can thank Ogino for their dinner — he completley reversed his morning form and finished strongly enough to cop the last nine and the total from Mickey Maikawa. Also shall I say they should pay their compliments to Reg Yasui who couldn't beat Katsukawa's seven at the 18th — which would have turned the match in favor of the Niseis.

Smell a Fish

The Irony of it all — the match was supposed to be 12 members a side. Somehow only 11 competed from each side—though there was another twosome that could have played. Arikado and Oka played along with the last twosome—if their score had been turned in, the Niseis would have been up by TWO POINTS! With 10 members a side the NISEIS WOULD HAVE BEEN UP BY ONE POINT! I smell a fish — a dead one.

COOMBS COURIER

Following the example set forth by Japanese employees of other firms, the employees of the Cameron Lake Logging Company at a recent meeting decided upon, and are now subscribing 100 per cent to the purchase of War Savings Certificates.

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A "motorcade" left Coombs on March 1 for Cumberland, about 50 miles distant, to attend the Red Cross party and dance held by the No. 5 Nisei girls. Notwithstanding the distance the boys enjoyed themselves immensely, especially "G" and "N". Ask them about it. May we have an introduction to the woman in maroon, "M"!?

Friends of Mrs. Frank Williams, nee Doris Jennings, the popular Coombs postmistress, held a miscellaneous shower in the Coombs Community Hall on March 1 in honor of her recent marriage.

Misses Momoyo and Kiyomi Terakita, young daughters of Masao and Mickey Terakita, respectively, are now attending the Hompa Buddhist Kindergarten in Vancouver.

Now that the nice weather has arrived, the cameras, expensive and inexpensive, large and small, have popped up around here like mushrooms. Every corner you turn around there's either "N", "F", or "Y" aiming their "photo boxes" at you. Oh! What a dog's life for we poor subjects when we are caught candidly.

SKI TRAILS

Some fifteen Fujis turned out last Sunday to ski in the first, and perhaps the last, real spring skiing on the Big Hill. With the rugged snow-covered peaks of Mt. Baker still basking in the sunset splendor, we took off our skis at the Chalet, and headed down to our cabin to call it the end of another perfect day. We all bore in some degree the effects of the glaring white snow and the blazing spring sun.

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Just like the innumerable letters received by individual members from the recent visitors from across the line, an epistle addressed to the club from the Rokka Ski Club, expressed sincere gratitude for showing them all a grand time. It was a real pleasure to entertain such a splendid bunch.

Again to members who have not yet paid their 1940-41 dues, please do so at once to either Sam Hagino or Miss K. Higashiyama.

SKI-BITS: While Dave, Sam, Bob and Bill took advantage of the vacant "flush gates" Tom and Otto took a refreshing "last" run from the Peak. Meanwhile, Mary and Marge, impressed by skill of the pretty skiers from south, diligently practiced "swinging poles" and "knee-action" muscle twisters (Girls, ask them what it means!) The mischievous junior Roy Ozawa is coming along nicely. It seems that "cute" little plankster Sho Miyanishi is doing more "don-hiru" recently than in the last two months put together. We are expecting good news from him any time now!

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We wish to acknowledge a donation from Mr. Okura of Okura Laundry, with our thanks for his continued support.

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In view of the fact that climate these last two seasons has been far from ideal for skiers, and because many of the members no doubt are turning their eyes to other activities, we are holding our 8th annual general meeting early. The date set has been Saturday April 26 and details have left in the competent hands of Misses Higashiyama, Deshima, Shimizu and Kusakabe. Our 7th annual dance and raffle will be held on Friday, May 23. We hope to have a good program lined up for our friends both in and out of town, so keep that date open!

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MAIKAWA OUST FIGHTING M&N FROM PLAYDOWNS

May Breaks Record, Silvers Smother Cards

Down went M & N. Fighting till the last second, this year's hard-luck M & N squad were finally ousted out of the running for the coveted E. Kagetsu Challenge Trophy by Maikawas who eked out a 36-34 victory to take the semi-finals in two straight games.

M & N played one of their best games of the year. Countering point for point, the game progressed evenly until the breather at half-time.

After the rest Yuki Uno hit a sudden hot pace and swished in 10 points. Suzuki and Nobuoka returned fire with two tallies apiece, but still Maikawas held a 33-29 lead.

Ding-dong Battle

In the final hectic quarter, the pace grew fast as M & N fought hard to overtake the leaders. Bill Takeda's two shots, plus Johnny Tanaka's 3 points and Suzuki's basket drew them within one point of Maikawas. With the pressure really on, plenty of bumping and charging to boot, Yuki Uno, who really enjoyed an 'on' night, streaked through for a counter in the bedlam. Suzuki retaliated with a basket making the score 34-34. In the last wild minute George Suzuki just missed being the hero of the game when he missed a couple of shots at the basket. For the final score Yosh Ishida notched a free throw to retire the game in favor of Maikawas 36-34.

A mark of vast improvement in the calibre of the cagette league is seen these days as the girls chalk up amazingly high scores. Sally Kitaguchi's record of 19 points made the previous week was shattered into oblivion as teammate May Yoshinaka led the Silver 7's to a 41-31 triumph over the league-leading Cardinals with a record-breaking 21 point scoring spurt.

Cardinals started off with a flying start and took an early lead without any reply from the Silver Shirts. It was a different story in the second canto however as May Yoshinaka found the range and shifted the lead to her side.

Cardinal sharpshooter Florence Ikeda topped her team with 10 points.

Semi-finals

Silver 7's and Bluebelles will clash in the first semi-final game tonight. The semis will be a two-game total-point affair, and the winners will meet the first place Cardinals in a two-out-of-three series.

The second game of the girls' semi-final will be played next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Maikawa—Suga 2, [illegible] 2, Mitsui 4, Uno 13, Ide, Ishida 11, Nikaido [illegible]—36.

M. & N.—Takeda 10, Suzuki 12, Nobuoka 5, Tanaka 3, Nishi [illegible], Yamada, Fujisaki—34.

Silver 7—[illegible], Ikeda [illegible], Yanagisawa, Akiyama 4, Kitaguchi 6, M. Yoshinaka 21, Tanaka [illegible], Sasamori [illegible]—41.

Cardinals—[illegible], A. Yoshinaka [illegible], F. Ikeda 10, Iwasaki [illegible], Kutsukake 2, Uyeno—31.

Shuttle Season Winds Up with Mixed Doubles Finals Tonight and Open Social Tomorrow

To-night, the final night of the B. C. Open Japanese Badminton Tournament will bring to a close one of the most successful bird meets to be held in our Nihonmachi. Only three crowns remain of the many championships and these three will be claimed to-night and go on record as the 1941 Mixed Doubles champions in the A, B, and "A-closed" classes.

Again the Open A shuttlers remained idle while the others played their's off. Director Mat Matsui hopes to complete all the matches to-night, so he asks for your full-hearted co-operation by turning out on time.

In the B Section, the highly reputed duo Eizo Amemori and Pansy Fukumura will meet Jane Koyanagi-K. Watanabe in the semi-finals. On the top bracket Mitsuye Shintani and veteran Yoshi Ono await the outcome of Kay Uyeno-K. Kaminishi vs. Yoshiko Nishimura-J. Ikeno quarter final match.

Most of the action last night took part in the Closed, where some of the best matches of the evening were played off. Reaching the semi-finals were the Maple Ridge delegates Tong Kobayashi and Rose Takahashi after a hard-fought three set against Kay Yamaga and Jimmy Kumagai.

Others reaching the quarter finals were Mary Nishikawara-T. Uyede who whipped Kiyo Obokata and S. Nakade, two straight. Chiyo Hyodo-M. Yatabe made short work of F. Deshima and R. Kamino 15-5, 15-4.

For the final windup of the year, the Japanese Badminton League will sponsor a social at the Orange Hall this coming Saturday from 8 'til 12. The public is cordially invited to attend with the admission of 35c.

FINAL DRAW TO-NIGHT

A—OPEN

K. Uyeno-M. Toyota vs. T. [illegible] Iwasaki ([illegible] p.m.); M. Nishikawara-T. Uyede vs. [illegible] K. Fujioka (8.30 p.m.); [illegible] Hyodo-M. Ashikawa vs. M. Sueguchi-M. Matsui (8.30 p.m.); [illegible] Takahashi-T. Kobayashi-F. Deshima-Y. Matsui ([illegible] p.m.); [illegible] Koyanagi-S. Okumura and [illegible] Hyodo-[illegible] Tanaka ([illegible]).

B—MIXED

K. Uyeno-K. Kaminishi vs. [illegible] ([illegible] p.m.); J. Koyanagi-K. Watanabe vs. [illegible] Fukumura-E. Amemori (7.30 p.m.).

CLOSED

[illegible] Ide-[illegible] Oshima vs. M. Shintani-S. Kumagai ([illegible] p.m.); [illegible] Iwasaki-T. Maikawa vs. [illegible] Yamada (8.30 p.m.) [illegible] Semi-finals [illegible].

Intermediate Semi-Finals

Mighty Monarchs Maul Numb Nomads

"Of all the sloppy, butter-fingered dumbells!" roared coach Joe Akiyama as he saw his Nomads slaughtered by East End Monarchs 45-16 in the first game of the semi-finals. There will be hardly any use to play the second game now since the semi-finals are a two-game total point series and with the 19 point lead held by the Monarchs, nothing short of a miracle can win the series for the Nomads.

Nomads were really sloppy. Their passing was wild, they couldn't receive a pass when it did come, and their shooting was putting it mildly when they said "terrible."

Min Takada, Monarch guard, played a very good game, scoring 15 points. Al Tokawa came second with 11 points.

Following close on the heels of their older boys, Junior East End Monarchs nosed out the strong Yehudis in the first game of the semis. This Saturday will determine the winner that will meet Tuxis next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Nomads—Nishimura [illegible], Mitsui 2, Akiyama, Yoshinaka 2, Tsukamoto [illegible], Ozaki [illegible]—16.

Monarchs—A. Tokawa 11, T. Tokawa [illegible], Machida 5, Miyasaki [illegible], [illegible] 6, Takada 15—45.

Yehudis—Maikawa [illegible], Sutsuhara 1, Tateta [illegible], Amemori [illegible], Kawamoto 2, Kiyuga [illegible], Shimoda, Fukuda [illegible]—29.

Monarchs—Tokawa 12, D. Fujisawa 2, [illegible] 6, Nishikawara 3, Takashima, Takeuchi 5, Ohara—31.

• Sport SPOTLITE

I expected some sort of a reply to Mr. Anonymous' letter of last week, but to my disappointment none was forthcoming. What's the matter with these Nisei cagers anyway? They get kicked in the pants and they don't even let out a murmur. Are they silent because they admit Mr. Anonymous' biting cracks are correct or is it because they're so downright lazy that they don't care what other people think?

Your Scribe's Reply

Since no one has anything to say, perhaps I could enlighten our critic on some of the remarks made. First, against Fife the local Nippons were, without the least bit of doubt, outclassed, and although the Vancouverites took a terrific "slaughter" as he so bluntly calls it, he cannot say that the boys weren't trying. I've watched them play for a long time and I've never seen them play so hard, nor practice so diligently for any one match. They lived up to our expectations. The trouble was Fife had more than we had anticipated.

With regard to Mr. Anonymous' belief that Shig Ashikawa was the whole team and others just puppets, that statement was a very fine bit of exaggeration. In any team, certain set plays call for a playmaker, a key-man. What would any team, or organizations or anything at all do without a leader? Well Shig was just that and nothing more. Plays naturally, then, started from Shig and worked around to him for the final shot. It is only reasonable, isn't it, to pass to a person who can sink the ball rather than to a person who can't shoot worth beans.

If one were an understanding sort of a person giving due consideration to all matters, one can hardly blame the locals for playing the brand of ball they do. There are many things to take into account. One factor is that basketball, in our community is still in its infancy, while basketball in the American Japanese communities have been going on for 10 years and more.

Limitations

Originated three years ago, our league has made rapid advances. But in my estimation, although the game may grow in popularity and several competition result, the calibre of our game has not far to go. Why? Because of the gym. I know Mr. Anonymous would retort that there goes that sob story about the gym again; the same old alibi. But believe me, it's the truth. As long as we play our games on that small floor where organized plays and teamwork is impossible the standard of the league will never advance. So accustomed are they to the small floor that when they get on a large floor they're completely lost. They find it hard to play without the usual smashing of bodies. What's more, the unusual large floor [illegible] tires them out even quicker.

Mr. Anonymous, I have a hundred and one other reasons to expound to you. But Mr. Deadline is more pressing. This copy must go to the linotype so adios for the present.

BUSSEI BASEBALL

Bussei Baseball League meeting this Sunday, March 16, at Kitsilano Kaikan from 2.30 p.m.

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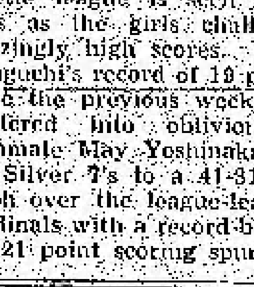

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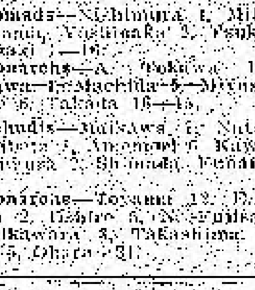

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